OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

the City Of Augusto

Proclamation

IN RECOGNITION of "Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated Day 2004"

WHEREAS, the City of Augusta, The Garden City of the South, recognizes that Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, is the first national Sorority organized by Black women in 1908 on the campus of Howard University in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, a service organization, celebrates the theme "Capture the Spirit of AKA – Sisterhood, Scholarship, and Service" at this 51st South Atlantic Regional Conference; and

WHEREAS, women of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, support programs that address contemporary issues in Education, Health, the Family, Economics, and the Arts; and

WHEREAS, the City of Augusta is proud of the many contributions made to businesses, schools, colleges and universities, and the legal and political communities by Alpha Kappa Alpha women; and

WHEREAS, Cluster VI members celebrate two South Atlantic Regional Directors; namely, Mrs. Vertelle M. Middleton of Charleston, South Carolina, and Mrs. Irene W. McCollom of Orangeburg, South Carolina Regional Directors; and Augusta's own beloved daughter, Ella Springs Jones, Conference Chairman; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and appropriate that the City of Augusta, on behalf of our citizens, join the 15th South Atlantic Regional Director, Mrs. Irene W. McCollom, and the members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, at this 51st South Atlantic Regional Conference in celebrating the Spirit of AKA and honoring the vision of the founders whose motto "Service to All Mankind" continues in our communities 96 years later.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Young, Mayor of the City of Augusta, do hereby proclaim March 25, 2004, as "ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY, INCORPORATED DAY" in Augusta, Georgia, and I call upon all residents of Augusta, Georgia, The Garden City of the South, to join me in celebrating the 51st South Atlantic Regional Conference of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of Augusta, Georgia, to be affixed this 25th day of March 2004.